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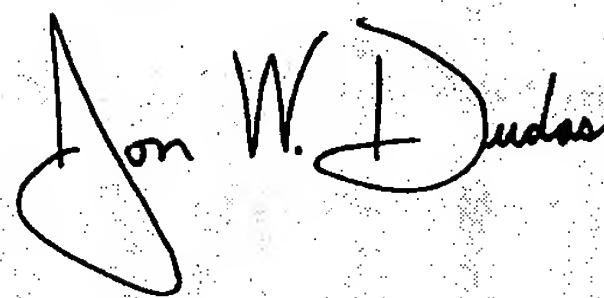
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page.

Item [73], Assignee, should read -- **Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Seiko Sho**
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